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SUBJ: TRAVEL OF AF ASSISTANT SECRETARY DAVIS

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1. AT REQUEST FONMIN EFON WHO UNAVAILABLE PRIOR TO WEEKEND, I WAS RECEIVED EARLY SATURDAY AM BY PROTOCOL CHIEF HAPI TINA, JUST BEFORE ELABORATE CEREMONIES AT JUSTICE MINISTRY TO CONFIRM RESULTS OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS.

2. I OUTLINED ASST SEC DAVIS' TRAVEL PLANS AND HOPE TO INCLUDE CAMEROON IN HIS PROGRAM IF CONVENIENT TO GURC. STRESSED PERSONALLY HOW USEFUL I FELT IT WOULD BE FOR ASST SEC DAVIS TO HAVE BENEFIT OF VIEWS OF STATESMAN LIKE AHIDJO ON AFRICAN PROBLEMS AND US-AFRICAN RELATIONS. I ASKED HAPI TO INFORM PRESIDENCY THAT I WOULD OF COURSE BE MOST HAPPY TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT DIRECTLY TO DISCUSS VISIT IF LATTER SO DESIRED.

3. HAPI STATED HE WOULD INFORM PRESIDENCY OF PROPOSED VISIT AND HOPED TO BE ABLE GIVE US EARLY ANSWER. HIS OWN REACTION WAS ONE OF OPTIMISM BOTH AS TO VISIT ITSELF AND AS TO AUDIENCE
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FOR VISITOR WITH PRESIDENT.

4. I ALSO HAD OCCASION AT JUSTICE MINISTRY CEREMONIES TO RE-ITERATE POINTS MADE ABOVE WITH FONMIN SEC GEN OWONO. WHILE NONCOMMittal ON GURC RESPONSE, HE SAID HE WOULD DO HIS BEST TO INSURE EARLY ACTION ON OUR REQUEST.

5. COMMENT: PROTOCOL CHIEF'S SPONTANEOUSLY POSITIVE REACTION MUST BE VIEWED WITH RESERVE IN LIGHT OF REALITY THAT DECISIONS ARE MADE AT PRESIDENCY, AND ON BASIS BROADER CONSIDERATIONS THAN WITHIN SCOPE OF FONMIN. WE REMAIN REASONABLY OPTIMISTIC THAT VISIT WILL BE ACCEPTABLE TO GURC. HOWEVER ITS CLOSENESS TO INDEPENDENCE DAY CEREMONIES (MAY 20) AND POSSIBLE MINISTERIAL CHANGES FOLLOWING EXPECTED DESIGNATION OF A NEW PRIME MINISTER COULD PROVIDE BASIS FOR GURC TO SUGGEST THAT TIMING NOT CONVENIENT.

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